Celebrating Culture: A look into Hispanic Heritage Month

By Amy Reid

Hispanics make up the largest minority group in the U.S., and the population is ever-increasing. According to the 2010 Census, Hispanics make up approximately 17 percent of the population. In Cache Valley alone, Hispanics make up 10 percent of the population, an amount that has nearly doubled since 2000. A 2012 study by the Census Bureau projected by the year 2060, one in three people in the U.S. will be Hispanic. However, these numbers are not represented at Utah State University.

At USU, only 5 percent of students are Hispanic. This low count is part of the reason Professor Maria Spicer-Escalante believes Hispanic Heritage Month is so important to recognize. "It is our responsibility to be proud of what we are, and only by being proud of what we are will we be able to be recognized," Spicer-Escalante said.

Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 and runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. According to its web page, eight Latin American countries celebrate their independence during this range. The intent is to honor contributions made by Hispanics, as well as celebrate the culture and heritage.

Spicer-Escalante believes some students may struggle with that because of how Hispanics can be represented. "Being Hispanic is not associated with good status," she said. "Unfortunately there is a stereotype that is attached to all of us, all people." That’s just how humans are, she said.

Itzel Leon, who manages public relations at Latino Student Union, said it’s not necessarily the stereotype that’s keeping people back, but a loss of culture. "The majority of the students I’ve met on campus are proud to be Hispanic," she said. "I think the ones that are not proud to be Latino are those who don’t know much about their culture.

Karina Hernandez, vice president of the Latino Student Union, said it can be hard to embrace your heritage in areas like Cache Valley, where the demographics are monotonous. "I was never ashamed of my roots or culture," Hernandez said, "but when no one around you can understand or relate to the significance of your culture, it’s easy to lose it." Both Hernandez and Leon agree that the key to embracing the culture, whether from the inside or not, lies in education.

"I don’t think the university celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month as much as I’d like them to," Leon said. "Which is why it’s very important for us, USU, to educate our peers about it." Hernandez said Hispanic Heritage Month isn’t just for Hispanics. "I believe everyone should have the opportunity to experience to be familiarized with Latino culture," she said, "because it truly is a beautiful one."
New club aims to reduce mental illness stigma

By Emily Abel

Anxiety, stress and depression are no strangers to a full-time college student. The pressures of higher education have the potential to be overwhelming and even harmful. Three Utah State University seniors recognized this fact and have stepped up to help make a difference.

Dani Cornfield, Trisha Johnson and Jessica Palmer have founded a branch of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, or NAMI, on campus. NAMI is a grassroots organization that works to raise awareness and provide support to people who suffer from mental illness. All social work majors, the founders learned about NAMI in a mental health class and knew it was something they wanted to bring to the university setting.

“We thought, ‘There needs to be some sort of club on campus for mental illness.’” Because it can really affect the rest of your adult life if you learn to take care of your mental health when you’re younger,” Palmer said.

Studies show that really acute mental illness strikes around the age of college students. And one big reason is people are alone for the first time in their lives. “They’re independent, and they don’t know what to do, and all of a sudden it all takes on them like the perfect storm,” she said.

USU/USU hopes to offer resources for students who find themselves in such sinking situations. Weekly student-led support groups are one resource they will provide. These students are currently in training with a NAMI representative to conduct these sessions. “This is something run by students for the students,” Cornfield said. As soon as you have students getting involved in the role of support groups, that helps reduce stigma. Spreading education to your fellow students definitely makes this a much easier thing to talk about than to talk to people without the training. And we’re available to everyone. Whether it’s themselves, their roommate, or just someone they know, we’re here,” Hanson said.

As part of her responsibilities, Hanson will work to organize and run the student support groups. The proposed focus of these groups is learning and managing stress and anxiety. That emphasis will change based on the needs voiced by the group. More details about these sessions will become available after the leaders have completed their NAMI training.

After just one month, USU/NAMI has 111 members ready to begin meeting. “NAMI has 111 members and has 111 members ready to begin meeting,” Hanson said.

The main focus of NAMI for the year is reducing stigma, as evident in their campaign against stigma. USU’s branch also plans to utilize this powerful motto in their work as well. “You can only reduce stigma by education and by talking about it, and that is what we are aiming to do,” Cornfield said.

In addition to shrinking stigma this year, USU/NAMI has goals to expand their club and keep it available for years to come. As all three founders are seniors, they decided to appoint a younger club presidency in order to protect the future of their organization.

“People started to try out the idea in the past, but it faded out after a year. Our main goal is to keep it going and continue to help students on campus,” Johnson said.

Junior Laurel Hanson has been appointed as president for the 2015 academic year. Hanson has a passion for this position and is aiming to bring it around. “It looks forward to getting out there and letting students know that we are here. And we’re available to everyone. Whether it’s themselves, their roommate, or just someone they know, we’re here,” Hanson said.

NAMIUSU’s main goal this year is reducing mental illness stigma and furthering awareness of mental illness on campus. “I look forward to getting the club started and the group going. We have the potential to be over 100 members, but to be 100 members is more important than the actual numbers,” Cornfield said.

Geology graduate student Amy, who declined to give her last name, has been involved with similar programs from other companies, and she stressed the importance of why job programs like this are important for students. “Students like these turn into real opportuni ties for students to get jobs and make a career and learn about the environment of the job market,” she said.

Many of the geological surveying trips she had participated in as a student had been sponsored by Exxon, she said. Student activist senior Chris Tonan said it didn’t matter the number of the recruiting seminar was the proper venue or not. These issues needed to be discussed even if it was inconvenient or awkward.

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TWEETS OF THE WEEK

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OFFICERS VOTE TO SELL STUDENT TICKETS TO PUBLIC

Utah State University Student Association officers voted Tuesday night to release 500 student tickets to the general public for this weekend’s football game.

The tickets, which will sell for $38 apiece, were given to the Utah State Athletics Department. This is in addition to the 500 tickets released to the department last week when athletic director John Hartwell presented to the executive council on Oct. 6. So far, only 45 of those tickets have been sold.

“It’s not a whole lot, and I don’t anticipate them selling too many more, either,” said student involvement director Linda Zimmerman.

The Aggies will take on Boise State over fall break, when many students leave town. Hartwell said historically, student attendance during fall break and Thanksgiving games has been low. As of Tuesday evening, 2,650 student tickets were distributed.

Although the executive council’s vote was unanimous, there was some concern at the initial meeting with Hartwell last week. Tickets in the student section are funded by student fees — students are required pay $135.14 each semester for the privilege of attending all athletic events.

“We’d rather have a full stadium cheering on our Aggies than see us with empty bleachers,” said athletics vice president Thomas Rogers. “If this wasn’t over fall break, I don’t think we’d be giving away tickets at all.”

Hartwell said athletics would never ask for more than 1,000 student tickets. Usually, 6,500 seats are reserved for students — most of what remains of the 25,513-seat stadium goes to the public. Rogers said the majority of public tickets are sold out for this weekend.

“They’re pretty pricey tickets, for sure,” Rogers said. “I can’t say exactly dollar-for-dollar amount where it is going.”

If the athletics department sells the additional tickets now available to it, that would make a $38,000 difference.

“The revenue that they really gain from using any of our seats, probably is slim,” Zimmerman said.

With the funds, Zimmerman said athletics may host some sort of event for students. She explained that athletics and USUSA have a close working relationship, and the entities work together to meet common goals.

“It’s tough to give away student tickets. It’s not something I enjoy,” Rogers said. “I’m hoping if we beat Boise our fans will start sprouting out of nowhere and will come to everything.”
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USU engineering students reach out to Hispanic community

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get in touch with his roots at USU by joining and becoming the presi- dent of the Latino Student Union. "When I was a freshman I was worried about not finding my peo- ple and culture so one of the first things I did was look into the Lati- no Student Union and that's some- thing that has helped me embrace my culture on campus," said Alex Abuto, who is now the Programming President for USU. "I'm originally from Kimberly, Idaho. My parents are both from Mexico...since both of my parents are from Mexico I normally classify myself as Mexi- can." Growing up with this sort of heri- tage was also unique for Abuto. "Spanish was my first tongue that I spoke," Abuto said. "I started learn- ing English when I was four or five. I went to kindergarten in Mexico until my parents decided to move back to America." The Hispanic culture never left Abuto though. "I'm very proud of my culture and all it embraces...I love the music. I love the language, and I love that there is such a big diversity within the Latino culture. The enormity of the diversity in Hispanic culture is hard to under- stand for many people who have not been a part of the culture, though. I think a lot of times people have this vision, especially here, that His- ppanic or Latino culture just focuses on Mexico but it doesn't," Abuto said. "There's Mexico, Central America, South America, Spain, it goes on and on. That's what I love about being Hispanic - there is such a big diversity in each country."

Abuto hopes that someday Latino Student Student Union will really get the chance to share this variety of cul- tures with USU with an event called Fiesta Americas, but it was canceled this year due to lack of funding. For now, students will get the chance experience all cultures at USU with diversity week, which runs from October 25 to 30. Al- though nothing is set in stone, it will hopefully include international art, a cross-dressing bingo, a global desert night and performances put on by all-student diversity clubs. For Luis Armenta Hispanic Heri- tage month is just the beginning for

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One in three women in Utah is a victim of sexual assault or rape. Survivors of sexual abuse, according to the Salt Lake City Office of Diversity and Human Rights, are a common topic in the media — even though many are not reported. Forums and community awareness pages established by the University of Utah’s Office of Diversity and Human Rights are resources for survivors of sexual abuse, according to the Salt Lake City Office of Diversity and Human Rights. According to the Salt Lake City Office of Diversity and Human Rights, sexual abuse is a broad term that can range from inappropriate touching to another person's body part to sexual intercourse, which can be defined as rape if there was vaginal, oral or anal penetration. It’s “traumatizing. I mean, I've had to tell someone they've been sexually assaulted by someone before, and it was hard,” Nielson said. “And it was difficult because he had to take on that identity. I mean, if you are a survivor of sexual assault, that is part of your identity because we can’t change our experiences. But importantly those experiences don’t define us.”

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Receiving validation after being manipulat- ed by a partner into something that didn’t feel comfortable or okay can provide a survivor with a basis to move forward and start to heal from assault, Nielson said. “Sad. In our culture, too often you hear terms like ‘man up,’ and those are in this tradition that, as a man, you should just walk it off or get over it,” said James Boyd, the development director at Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse, or CAPSA. “And unfortunately, it’s a trauma. It’s trauma they’re experiencing and so to cope with that sometimes you need more help.”

Help can be found on campus or off — for both men and women — and all services are confidential. CAPSA is a domestic violence and sexual assault recovery center and is one of two shelters in Utah that will shelter men fleeing from abuse. Its mission is to provide hope, help and healing for victims who come in seeking help. The organization runs a 24-hour crisis hotline that can be reached at (435) 753-2500. SAAVI is based on USU’s campus in the Health and Wellness Center, which is located behind the Maverick stadium. Their services are free for USU students and include thera- py and help getting back on track with class- es.

“Do you feel like you’re in an unhealthy relationship that’s causing you trauma, contact us,” Boyd said. “We don’t judge. All of our services are free and are all confidential. So contact us, and we’ll help you achieve the goals you’re trying to get.”

By Miranda Lorenze

SENIOR WRITER

Tucked away in the belly of central campus is Utah State University’s herbarium, the Intermountain Herbarium. Located under the Junction, the herbarium serves as a resource on plants not only for stu- dents, but for the general public. “If you’re interested in plants and mush- rooms, this is a good resource, come explore,” said Michael Piep, the assistant curator.

The herbarium began in 1931 by Bassett Maginn, an American botanist, and was formed as a strong research facility for the state of Utah during a time when the nearest available plant collections were small or far away. Now, the herbarium is the largest publicly shared herbarium in the intermountain re- gion, hosting a collection of approximately 280,000 specimens from all over the world. The numbers increase every year as more specimens come in, assistant curator Piep said. “I’ve been here over 30 years and the reputa- tion of the Intermountain Herbarium has al- ways been excellent,” said Richard Mueller, associate dean of the College of Science. “It’s a very important collection of plants in this region that really is kind of irreplaceable.”

The collection is currently archived online at www.ionternationalbiota.org and run by the Southwest Environment Information Network or SEINet based in Arizona. Other colleges and research facilities around the intermountain region are also pooling their data online through SEINet to create a richer, accessible resource, Piep said. About 51 percent of the herbarium’s collection is archived already, he said. Of those specimens, 35 percent have a gas-referring points and about 30 percent are imaged and available online.

“We’ve got some fairly old specimens,” Piep said. “Several from the 1800s, the oldest spec- imen I’m aware of here in the herbarium was collected in Europe in the late 1700s, if I remember correctly.”

In addition to the research collections, the herbarium also hosts a fully cataloged refer- ence library with 3,000-4,000 titles for stu- dents to study as well as a workshop area sup- ported with microscopes and tools for research. Students also have the option to check out or rent plant presses for drying specimens or color it and make picture slides for presentations or es-ays. “We’re more than happy to set up the gener- al public, visiting researchers, grad students, undergrads, whatever,” Piep said.

The herbarium is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the school year, and starting this semester, the staff holds an open house every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to answer questions or give tours to interested people.

Due to its location, the herbarium is out of sight to many students and not is not very well known. “We didn’t even notice it until my second year, my first year I was upstairs eating,” said Kolton Kendall, a sophomore in pre-physics therapy, “I don’t know, second year comes around and you just kind of explore a little bit more, and that’s when I noticed it.” It was the herbarium’s colorful, eye-catching presence that piqued his interest enough to visit inside a few times, he said.

“There’s just a lot of really cool things in the windows that you can see, and it looks kinda whimsical. That’s a cool word for it. It just looks really different,” said Robert Abbas, an undeclared freshman.

Display cases filled with hand crafted plant and mushroom models fill the entrance area to draw the attention of passersby. During the Halloween and Christmas seasons the staff likes to decorate the herbarium for fun, Piep said.

Kendall considers the herbarium as one of the many lesser known places on campus with nice facilities. “If you have an hour between classes, just kind of mill around the building that you’re in,” Kendall said. “Odds are you didn’t check it out cause you’re just in class and you wanna get out and hang with your friends, but we have really nice facilities so check it out. Explore, you’re here to learn.”

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STUDENT LIFE

Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence

One in three women in Utah is a victim of sexual assault, according to the Salt Lake City Office of Diversity and Human Rights. Statistics on the sexual assault and rape of women are available all over the Internet on state or national government websites, help forums and community awareness pages. Yet survivors of sexual assault are not a common topic in the media — even though one in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime and about one-third of sexual assault and rape survivors are men — according to Utah State University’s Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information department, or SAAVI.

“It’s a very negative view from our society,” said Brett Nielson, a senior in social work and an intern at SAAVI. “Even if you look at some TV shows, they mock male rape. It’s used as a punchline in a joke.”

“Part of the reason for the difference between men and women stems from society’s definition on masculinity,” he said, which often shows men as being tough, strong and always up for sex. That image makes it seem like men almost can’t get raped, and if they do, they are weak and are ridiculed for it.

“I remember when I was watching Archer one time and this male was sexually assaulted, and people found it humorous,” Nielson said. “So really, when we do talk about it, it’s comedy. If we don’t talk about it, it doesn’t exist.”

Gender stereotypes have created barriers that prevent many men from reporting a sexual assault or choosing to seek help after a rape, he said. In many cases, those barriers even prevent victims from realizing that they have been assaulted.

“They’re done studies where when you ask someone if they’ve been raped or sexually as- saulted or if they have raped or sexually as- saulted somebody, the number’s very low,” said Amanda Gibb, a graduate student in social work and an intern at SAAVI. “But if you ask about assaulted behaviors like if you’ve ever pressured anyone or held some- one down to have sex with them, the num- ber spikes. So that shows us that people don’t actually know what sexual assault real- ly is.”

The definition of sexual assault is any sexual act without consent in the form of a sober, free, and informed choice. Gibb went on to say that there is no telling something was not forced or manipulated, according to SAAVI.

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BUCKING THE TREND

Utah State football will play host to the familiar conference foe in the Boise State Broncos this weekend, and the stakes are high. "The Mountain West lead, as well as national recognition for the defeat of a ranked team are on the line."

From the running game to the special teams, Utah State's confidence is the highest it has been this season after humiliating Fresno State in a 56-14 victory. "Overall, we played really well, which was nice to see," said junior center Austin Stephens. "We've got some momentum heading into the Boise State game. It's another great team, and we've got to be prepared to play. But like in every game, there are things to fix and go back to the drawing board on."

Aggie head coach Matt Wells noted the importance of getting some players rested in preparation for Boise State. "It was a big boost for us and a great win. We were able to play a lot of guys in the fourth quarter — in fact, almost the entire fourth quarter," Wells said. "It was good to be able to play those guys, as well as rest a lot of the starters. That was good, especially heading into a short week."

The Broncos won't be short on confidence themselves after defeating Colorado State 41-10 on Saturday and only carrying one loss, at the hands of BYU in Provo. "We understand the opportunity that we're facing, and we're not taking it lightly," said defensive end Ricky Alfus. "We've also not changing our mindset as far as saying we have to practice extra hard or we have to play extra hard. That's something that's already expected of us." Wells said it's going to come down to Johnson's ability to shut down the highest strike-out record in 2014. "It's another talented version of the Broncos football program," Wells said. "This year is no different. When you see a true freshman quarterback and see some of the things Rypien does, he's really good. He's the second true freshman quarterback we've seen, and he can make all the throws."

While the Broncos have a fresh-faced roster, Stephens spoke of how the Aggies have improved since last year as well. "We were young last year," Stephens said. "We know what last year's game was like, but this year we're a new team. We have a new identity. We're not the same team as last year. We've got to prepare this week and put out hard hats and go to work out there. We'll be ready to give our best shot."

By Tristan Paradise

A PITCHER’S DUEL

By Kenna Cook

After setting two records during her sophomore year, Neille Johnson’s college softball career is coming to an end. Johnson broke the single season strike-out record as well as the single game strike-out record in 2014. In addition to those accolades, Johnson was a first-team Mountain West selection and on the All-Academic team, and just a handful of weeks ago she was inducted into the Hall of Fame in the athletics building.

"That was one of my goals," Johnson said. "I wanted to be in the Hall of Fame or in the record books one way or another. So I know that I’ve done what I could to do that, and I still have a year left to do even more with it."

Aggie softball’s new pitching coach, Windy Thiers, said that Johnson is a competitor and a force on the mound.

"That’s exactly what you want out of a pitcher," Thiers said. "Someone who comes in and gets after it. Sometimes she wants it so bad that her adrenaline takes over and she’ll miss her spot just because she’s going after it so hard."

Junior Pitcher Provost who has played behind Johnson for three years says that Johnson took her in right away and she has total confidence in her. "Neille is definitely one of the ones," Provost said. "When she’s up there, you just know."

Johnson’s spot is going to be a tough one to fill, but Provost is confident that they have other pitchers who will be ready to step up and fill it. "It’s difficult knowing that there are the last of a lot of things for me," Johnson said. "I think it was a lot of fun. Softball was a little rocky. Coming in from the last year from Santer, CA, I didn’t know what to expect."
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Katie Schedre Pitches
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Pick-Up: Charcandrick West
Looking for a last second replacement play? Charcandrick — yes, that’s his real name — West is your guy. Owned in only 0.3 percent of leagues at the beginning of this week, chances are he’s available. West will get the first shot of filling in for the injured Jamal Charles this week in the run-heavy Chiefs offense. Charles has been the heart and soul, not to mention nearly all offensive output, for the Chiefs. There is a huge void where number 25 used to be, and West will look to fill that void this week against the Vikings.

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National Security and Climate Change

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iPad Class
North Logan City Library
Free, 2:00 pm

Fortalece Tu Futuro Financiero/Strengthen Your Financial Future
LDS Church
Free, 6:00 pm

Corn Maze on the Farm
American West Heritage Center
$5-$12, All Day

Clothesline Project
TSC Lounges
Free, All Day

FRIDAY OCT 16

Fall Harvest Festival
American West Heritage Center
$8-$9, 10:00 am

Downtown Ghost Tour
Thatcher-Young Mansion

SATURDAY OCT 17

Usu Wildlife Society Fundraiser: Beneficial Money Shoot
Cache Valley Gun Range
$2-$4. Contact USU Wildlife Society at usuwild@usu.edu for more information, 9:00 am

Fall Harvest Festival
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Witches Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness
American West Heritage Center
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Sunday OCT 11

Social Bike Ride
Caffe Ibis
$5, 8:30 am

Once Upon a Murder (Mystery Event and Dinner)
Riverwoods Conference Center
$25, 6:00 pm

Downtown Ghost Tour
Thatcher-Young Mansion
$9, 7:00 pm

Haunted Hollow
American West Heritage Center
$9-$12, 7:30 pm

Maozil Brass: Yes Yes Yes
Ellen Eccles Theater-Cache Valley Center for the Arts
$17-$27, 7:30 pm

Corn Maze on the Farm
American West Heritage Center
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Win Dominos Pizza
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